WILLIAM MARBURY.

JANUARY 11, 1832.

Mr. CAVE JOHNSON, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, made the following

REPORT:

The Committee on Private Land Claims, to which was referred the petition of William Marbury, report:

Petitioner states that he purchased a tract of land, in the district of St. Helena, and State of Louisiana, and settled himself upon it, as he supposed, in the year 1827, and cleared one hundred and twenty acres of land, and planted forty acres of it in sugar cane, and erected suitable works for the manufacture of sugar; that he has lately discovered that the land, so purchased and improved as aforesaid, lies in township seven and range three, and is a part of the public domain, and has not, as yet, been offered for sale; asks leave of Congress to purchase a quarter section including his improvements, at the usual price of Government.

The committee are of opinion that the indulgence should be extended to him, and report a bill, authorizing him to purchase at one dollar and twenty-

five cents per acre.

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